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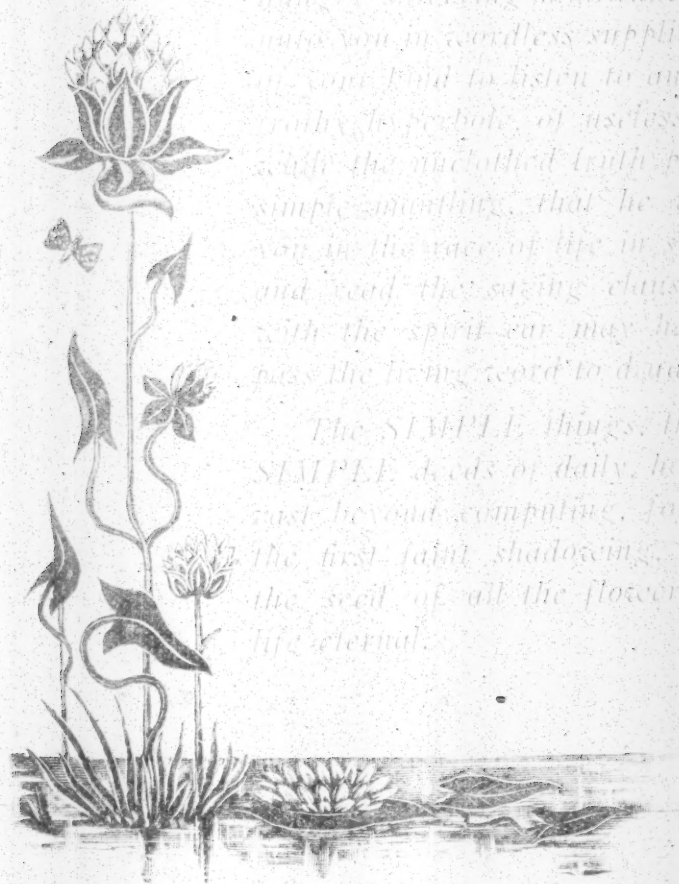


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## SIMPLICITY

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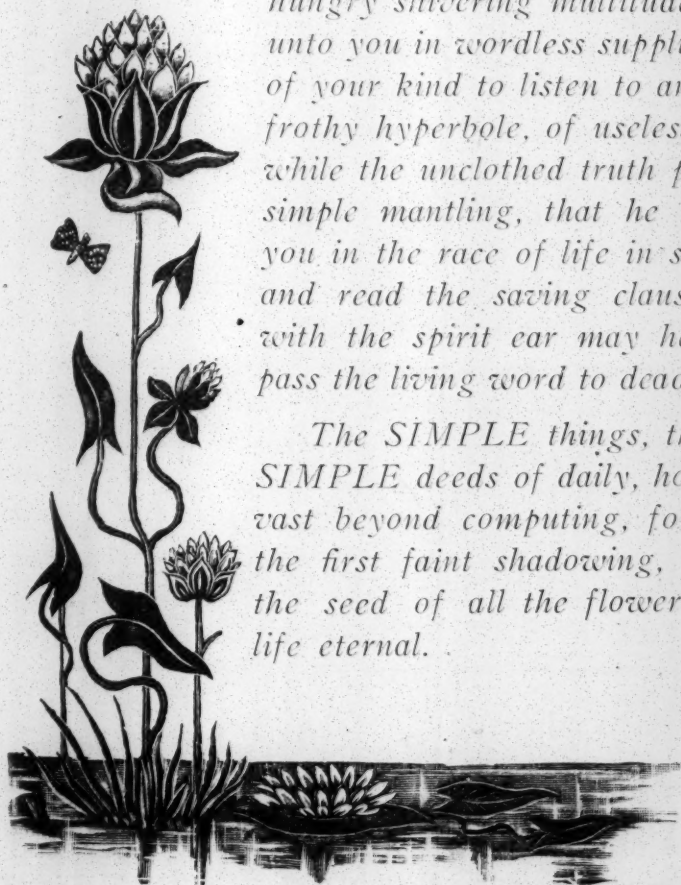


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## THE WEB AND THE WEAVER.

Cord by cord you have drawn them close,  
 And knotted them, two by two,  
 Those cords of passion, of love and hate,  
 Unspeakably dear to you.  
 They rasped your heart as you drew them taut,  
 The knots sank deep in your brain;  
 But you smiled at the shriek of the torn bruised cells  
 Where the hard tied knots had lain.

Glamour had painted the web so bright,  
 The sight had dazzled your eyes;  
 You could not see you were caught and held  
 In a mesh of invisible ties.  
 You caught a vision, and felt the pull  
 Of a strong desire fulfilled;  
 All unaware you bound yourself,  
 And your power of will was killed.

Mayhap 'twas love, mayhap 'twas hate—  
 What matter, the mesh was the same;  
 When the web was woven either would hold  
 You fast, to the end of life's game.  
 Long days, and years, and decades may pass,  
 Some one of the cords grow slack,  
 And you will say to yourself, thank God,  
 That lies on my backward track.

When again the cord is pulled quite taut  
 By a glance, a word or a thought,  
 And the web draws closer and closer yet  
 Around the prize it has caught.  
 If wise, you will one day lie quite still,  
 And steadfastly fix your eyes  
 On the strands of the cords, and then you may see  
 They are held by hands in the skies. B. S.

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 ATONEMENT.

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Atonement for sin can only be made by the Christ—the Christ  
 who hangs on the cross of suffering throughout a Maha yuga—a

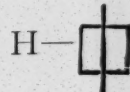


great cosmic age—the cross made by the crossing of the line of matter by the line of the spirit. Atonement for personal sin is made by the soul—the vehicle of the Christ—almost continuously throughout the earth lives of the individual ego. When the desire of the soul for obedience to the Divine Law has overcome the desires of the body to break that Law for the purposes of sense gratification an entire change has taken place in the lower nature. The process of overcoming has resulted in an at-one-ment of the individual soul with the Oversoul.

To atone means to blot out, and in the process of blotting out, or atoning for an evil deed, there first occurs a neutralizing of the currents of force which have been set up in the aura of the man by the energy freed in the commission of the evil deed. As one chemical may change the entire character of a substance composed of several other chemicals, so the action of one high attribute may neutralize or overcome the effects of the action of several low qualities in the nature of man, thus changing the whole character of the man, regenerating him, as it were.

No man can atone for the sin of another man, but he may be able to give such help to another in some life crisis as to enable that other to throw open his closed heart to the call of his Higher Self, thereby arousing the action of divine forces which in turn will react in the aura of the first man and thus make the latter a partaker in the good effects resulting from the action of the divine forces which have been brought into manifestation as a result of his helpfulness.

The Christ on the cross, of every human being, must descend into Hades at some point of its evolution, in order to bring back to normal conditions the soul that has been plunged therein as an effect of the evil deeds of its lower self. In other words, Divine Love must reach down into the heart of man, conquer and regenerate the man, before he can appreciate the enormity of his offenses against Divine Law and forgive *himself* for the sins committed against himself, and forgiveness must be obtained to complete at-one-ment.




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### THEOGENESES.

Commentaries on the Nine Stanzas of Dzryan given by the Master Morya to the Temple of the People for the New Humanity.

Stanza III. Second Sloka.

**"The four-fold Lahs will emit from their loins the germs**

**that will grow into three-fold coverings of animal forms, of fish and of fowl for the service of man."**

Under many different forms and names the various emanations of the second principle, Universal Soul or Mind, have become familiar to different races of man, notably to the Aryans, Chaldeans, Egyptians and Jews. To the Aryans they were the Lhas or the Pitris. To the Jews they were the Seven Spirits before the throne of God. To other races they were the seven Regents of the Planets, the seven Dragons of Wisdom, the Planetary Rulers, etc. The Archean teachings declare that the Lhas incarnated in primitive man and so bestowed mentality upon the human race, also that they were the fabricators of the solar system, the builders of form. The Lhamayan are said to be a lower order of the same degree of spiritual beings, whose office it was to warm, to nourish and sustain the germs of mind in primitive man. The Lhamayan and the four-fold Lhas of the sloka now under consideration are identical.

They are four-fold because they partake of the nature of material substance, the fourth principle, as well as of the three higher—spiritual—principles. In other words, they are in-formed—embodied—in that state of matter which, for want of a more distinctive term, we term the "soul plane."

Between the loins of man lie the creative organs. In those organs is conserved and from them is emitted the vital fluid in the act of generation. Correspondingly, from between the loins of the Lhas—the centers of cosmic energy which correspond to the generative organs of man—came the germs which eventually formed the blood, the tissue and the skin, the "three-fold covering of animal forms, for the service of man."

In this instance the word "man" stands for the reincarnating Egos of the race which was to succeed the race in incarnation at the time of the prophecy. That there was to be a great change in the animal races, as well as in the human race, is very evident from the first sentences of the sloka which follows the one we are now commenting upon.

It is much to be deplored that the English language contains no words which can be perfectly substituted for many terms in common use by the Orientals to express deep philosophical truths. The ancient Aryans were especially blessed in that respect. The "Monad" is one of the last mentioned terms, and it has been used so indiscriminately by some of the more modern writers on phil-



osophical subjects as to confuse students as to its real meaning; and as the relationship between the Monads and the Lhas is so intimate, it may be advisable to briefly consider it at this point.

The Universal Mind and the Universal Monad are practically identical. But while the modern metaphysician of the western world recognizes the evident difference between the mind of one man and that of another, as a rule he does not as yet accept the teaching of the eastern mystics to the effect that this difference lies in the over or under development of a definite germ of mind stuff—"Monadic essence"—within the differently developed brain centers of different individuals. This germ is said to be the human Monad in contradiction to the Divine Monad. The Divine Monad bears the same relationship to the universe as a whole that the human Monad bears to the individual man or that of the lower creations.

In one sense the Lhas may be said to be the condensations of the Monadic essence—the first emanations of the Divine Monad, the first breaths of the Divine Breath. Spirit being one pole of life cannot function in matter, the other pole, without an intermediary, a neutral center, and the Lhas are comparable in that respect to such a neutral center. In one sense they are the Father-Mother of Souls. Therefore, their functions in universal life can hardly be overestimated by man.

The terms germ and molecule of modern science have been so exclusively applied to matter of lower vibration that their application to substance of higher vibration seems inappropriate unless one is acquainted with their application to the varied differentiations of spiritual substance under such terms as are used in the occult sciences; but they always mean the first vehicles of the life principle in manifestation on any one of the planes of life, whether it be a plane of pure energy, substance, or matter. Used in the plural sense, the terms "germ" and "monad" are almost identical. Used in the singular sense, either term may be fitly applied to the first vehicles of the life principle in mind or matter, although it is evident there must be a vast difference between the vehicles of the life principle on the three higher planes and those of the four lowest of the seven planes or states of manifestation. B. S.

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## EDITORIAL MIRROR.

"In times of war prepare for Peace."

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And the only peace worth while in this age is a *lasting peace*, a peace based on conditions that will make war impossible in the future.

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Discrimination penetrating the sphere of the Sixth Sense is needed to know which side is right, if any side is right, in the present great war in Europe.

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It is no doubt true, that serious fault and responsibility is on both sides for precipitating this struggle of the ages. But there is one great cause for this war which neither side can disclaim, and until this cause is modified and transmuted, and made a beneficent entity instead of a maleficent one, there can be no lasting peace on this planet.

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Since the Napoleonic wars, ending one hundred years ago, Europe has striven to maintain what is called the Balance of Power in Europe, and succeeded fairly well until the present outbreak. The ideal of the Balance of Power idea was to have the states of Europe so aligned as to maintain always an equilibrated status, designed to prevent any great war.

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During the past fifty years, however, two menacing factors have shown their heads more and more threateningly in Europe. One of these was the *militarism* of Germany, and the other the *navalism* of Great Britain.

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And back of these two great menacing factors to the peace



of the whole world was the ONE CAUSE of this war, and its name is MAMMON. This Mammon entity is heartless and soulless and merciless. The world is in its clutches. "It wrings the tears from the eyes of men and the blood from the hearts of women. It kills, maims and wrecks, despoils, and sacrifices all humanity to its insatiable greed for physical power—and then more power.



America is the birthplace of the Sixth Race. To the United States, the leading world power of America, now comes a great opportunity and a great responsibility, for uplifting humanity.



The present belligerents will exhaust themselves in time and when that time arrives if the political leaders of the United States backed by the support of the people will use all the moral and political and diplomatic power it possesses, allying as many other nations as possible with its purpose, and work with all the power and purpose of this mighty nation to form a Federation of Peace of all the Nations of earth, the Great Lodge of Masters will pour an irresistible constructive force through the United States and the world will be blessed forever, for with the passing of war and its cause, the Golden Age will dawn for humanity.



And if it does not come to pass—and Mammon still reigns? Well—military experts of this country say that unless the war is a "draw" in Europe and neither side wins decisively, then the victor will at once precipitate himself on the United States, for it will be the only commercial rival left.



In 1898, the Great Master sent this force and message into the aura of humanity: "THE DAYS OF PREPARATION ARE UPON THEE. GIRD ON THAT ARMOR OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS THE HERITAGE OF EVERY SON OF THE LIVING GOD AND STRIKE FOR THE FREEDOM OF THE RACES OF THE EARTH FROM THE CLUTCH OF THE BEAST, THE EMBODIED MAMMON WHO NOW HOLDETH IN SUBJECTION THE CHILDREN OF MAN."

W. H. D.

## CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

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## CHORDS, INTERVALS AND SCALES.

A chord is the blending of two or more tones sounded at the same time.

An interval is the distance or space between two tones.

A scale is a ladder or succession of tones following one another in certain intervals or distances.

Every tone that comes forth from the Great Silence, at once forms a chord with some other tone. It is only in the Silence that it is One Single Tone.

As soon as it is sounded so it can be heard by the outer, physical ear, it at once becomes a chord, for some other tone immediately begins to sound with it.

It bears some relationship, all its own, to some other tone, is a certain distance or interval from some other tone, whether that tone is heard or not by the listener.

This may sound very strange, and maybe some one will say, "That cannot be true."

We will not undertake in this lesson to prove it is true, but will leave it for you to think about, and take it up again. It might help in understanding if we were to think of a tone as having two parts, two halves; as being dual in its nature.

Every individual is a tone in the Scale of Nature. So every individual is dual, has two parts to his nature.

When either part of a life tone sounds, the other part stirs also, though it may not be heard oftentimes unless one listens very intensely. The lower part of our lives is in a particular relationship, is at a certain interval or distance from the higher, nobler part of us.

When the higher and lower halves of a life tone sound together purely, when a true relationship is held between them, when they work together for some good purpose, the first perfect interval is produced. This interval is called a Perfect Prime. It is in harmony, is happy, is in attunement with itself.

It is also a chord, because it has all love, all harmony within. From this First Interval, this Perfect Prime, come all other intervals, all scales, all three part chords or triads, and still others with even more parts and aspects.



## OCCULTISM FOR BEGINNERS.

## SECOND SERIES. No. XVIII.

*Akasa* (Continued).

A knowledge of the Akasa is so fundamental to an understanding of occultism and occult forces on which the whole phenomenal world is based that the points following should be thoroughly grasped by each student:

1. The whole universe and all therein is a CONDENSATION AND MODIFICATION OF AKASA.

Therefore all matter returns to Akasa as it unwinds or untwists itself so to speak and becomes less dense by its vibrations being increased. The nature analogy of this is a swirling mass of water in a stream or lake of water. The swirling mass is still water, yet it has a FORM other than the mass of which it is a part. It is in other words WATER DIFFERENTIATED INTO FORM. Endowed with intelligence and vitalized, and it is an ENTITY, elemental or otherwise.

So worlds, and solar systems, and all creatures therein are swirls or vortices of Akasic substance in an infinite Ocean of Akasa having infinite potencies, thereby.

2. AKASA is ABSOLUTE MOTION, that is, motion apart from anything moving.

3. SPACE, of which there are seven degrees, comes into manifestation when the absolute motion of Akasa is ARRESTED and becomes RELATIVE MOTION, that is *outer* motion, which is when FORM IS CREATED. The SPACE which Akasa *was* before is now void—that is becomes what *we* call space which is, however, not void, for the Secret Doctrine postulates that “every one of the higher as of the lower worlds, is interblended with our own objective world; that millions of things and beings are, in point of LOCALIZATION, around and *in* us, as we *are* around, with, and *in* them.”

The INHERENT QUALITY of absolute or Akasic motion is still inherent in all physical matter, which quality, however, is *centered* in the NUCLEI of all organic or inorganic bodies. What we call outer motion is simply the outer mass correspondence of this inner, absolute or Akasic motion inherent in the nuclei of all material bodies. On this motion, inner and outer, all manifestation depends. Were it to cease for a single second, chaos would reign. Here again we come to the Desire, Will or WORD THAT IS GOD.

W. H. D.

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP.

"I will endeavor to *realize* the presence of the Avatar (Christ) as a *living power in my life.*"

THE TEMPLE ARTISAN.

Among the more earnest students of the esoteric science of life the expectation of the advent of a World Teacher in the near future is constantly growing, while with some of these the hope and the faith, which grew out of it, has been transformed into knowledge, through interior contact with the Teacher.

When this expectation was first proclaimed abroad by the Temple of the People, as a Message of hope and promise, direct from certain Masters of the White Lodge, people listened, some graciously, some sympathetically, some cynically, even as men and women have always listened to God-inspired utterances, given for their comfort and encouragement. But a change has been taking place in the consciousness of man, due partly to the rapid movement of destructive events on the physical plane, as well as to the sense of uncertainty and impending danger aroused by the turbulent vibrations of the psychic level of consciousness. With those who were privileged to receive instruction relative to the trend of events prior to the appearance of the latter on this plane, the unfolding of the years has been fearfully fascinating, radiant with promise of the New Day that is to be, and replete with opportunity to be of service in the cause of the Master; and in preparation for his re-appearance on the earth. The events of the years, were there nothing else to go by, have afforded cumulative confirmation of the teachings of the Master Hilarion and his associates, as given through the Temple of the People.

Some months ago there appeared in the editorial column of the Temple Artisan the words that are set down at the beginning of this article. They came in the form of an affirmation, to be utilized by those who were sensitive to the responsibility they conferred, and the opportunity embodied therein; an opportunity to build up the conditions necessarily preparatory to the appearance of a World Saviour—in the personal and Communal life.

I have often wondered to just what extent the readers of THE ARTISAN, and members of the Temple of the People, were influenced by the dominant force of this affirmation to consciously open their consciousness to that force, meditate upon its message, and send it on into the common consciousness plus the added vigor given to it by such meditation. Probably in many instances this has been the case. It is to be hoped so at least.



For we can never hope to be of greater service in the Great Cause in which we are enlisted than in this time of preparation, when it lies within our power to help destroy old forms of opinion, implastic ideas and convictions, dogmatic prejudices, and false beliefs, relating to man's evolving life, and the higher social, moral and spiritual requirements thereof, the power of which must be greatly reduced, and to a large degree eliminated, e'er we may be privileged to welcome the ONE in whom Humanity's hope is centered.

And this opportunity to help along the destruction of the binding limitations of ancient opinion, and thread-bare ideas that now chain many thousands of God's children to a dark and narrowing way of existence, when they might be walking in the sunlight of God's Eternal Love—this opportunity lies close at hand for all of us.

We have but to entertain, meditate upon, and affirm the following words, "I WILL ENDEAVOR TO REALIZE THE PRESENCE OF THE AVATAR (CHRIST) AS A LIVING POWER IN MY LIFE," day by day, week in and out, always striving to make His Presence real in thought, and word, and deed; and presently we become radiant centres of the new Messianic Power, sending currents of the Christian-force out into the human consciousness, imparting it through the uttered word, as well as through the daily services of life. I am of the opinion that for those who have accepted the belief in the "promised reappearance of the Lord, the Savior, the Elder Brother of the human race," and have been refreshed by the compelling inspiration of the promise, this comes as an unavoidable obligation, to be evaded at the peril of severe karmic re-actions, to be fulfilled in humility and reverent service, and an entering into "the joy of the Lord."

To this work have we been called. This opportunity would not have come to us, had we not demanded it of the Good Law, and earned the right to participate in the world-wide preparation. We have the strength and the ability for the task set before us, and if we ever dream of the bliss of personal contact with the Teacher, we must not forget that ours is the opportunity to make such dreams real, by fulfilling our personal responsibility from this day forward; thereby making ourselves worthy of recognition by the Master, and of greater opportunity and responsibility in His Cause. Failing in this we cannot look forward with an easy conscience to the closing years of this short cycle! but must inevitably sink into the depths of despair and remorse that yawn for those who refuse

to avail themselves of life's real opportunities, or who, by disloyalty to their ideals, miss the upward way of life for a season.

Here is an opportunity to help, available to the poorest of us. It invites to an unfaltering service. It opens the way whereby we may render necessary assistance to THOSE for whom we should be ready to go to great lengths of self-sacrifice and service, to the end that the path may be found unencumbered by the eager feet of the "Son of Man," who cometh with peace and healing for the races of men.

CHARLES H. EMMONS.

Junction City, Kansas.

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### A LOVE LETTER TO YOU.

Halcyon, Cal., March 1st, 1915.

Dear Friend and Comrade:

We are writing you a real love letter this time and sincerely hope it will touch a responsive chord in your own heart.

This love letter does not spring from a blind love incapable of perceiving a weakness or failure on the part of the beloved, but from the greater love which can see and understand the *weakness* as well as the *strength*, the *selfishness* as well as the *selflessness*, the *indifference* as well as the *zeal*, all of which lie hidden beneath the outer shell of the loved ones, and so we can understandingly plead for greater unity, deeper interest in all that concerns us, individually and collectively, and more diligence in the performance of our duties and obligations.

One of the most important of these duties is the consideration of the Order of the 36 by those who are eligible, having been members of the Temple for one year; and in connection therewith the duty of conscientiously reviewing the earlier instructions of the Masters, especially those instructions bearing on the seven-fold divisions of life and the corresponding degrees and orders of the Great White Lodge.

Another most important duty, and a privilege beyond computation, is the supplying of the Masters with a vehicle for the dissemination of their messages and instruction, as is done by the publishing of THE ARTISAN.

The undersigned have deeply appreciated the response made to the plea of the Treasurer last December for funds to pay back printing bills; but we should not forget that every month brings a new bill for printing and they pile up rapidly if not met at once.



We are all morally and spiritually responsible for any such indebtedness.

Many organizations have been obliged to discontinue their publications because of non-support. It would be a calamity indeed if the Temple of the People were obliged to suspend THE ARTISAN from any such cause.

We are one family, bound to protect our Father's house and his interests, if we would have his protection and help in our hours of need. No other ties are so essentially true and lasting as are those which bind the disciples of the Great White Lodge to each other, none so pregnant with all we hold most precious—the growth of the individual soul. Can we not do more toward strengthening those ties by all means in our power, and if unable to do more than write an occasional cheery or sympathetic letter to some one of the many lonely, soul hungry comrades whose Karma lies heavy upon them, we may be sure we are tying a knot in the life line which encircles us.

In all tenderness and devotion, we are

Faithfully yours,

FRANCIA A. LADUE,

Guardian in Chief.

WILLIAM A. DOWER,

Official Head.

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